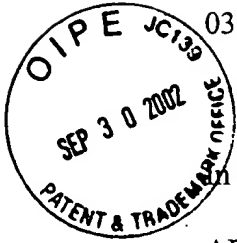


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add Claims 63 to 70. Note that all claims currently pending in this application including those presently being added, have been reproduced below for the Examiners convenience.

1. (Unamended From Previous Version) A method of retrieving digitally-captured image data from storage, the method comprising:  
detecting a signal from a digital image storage device, the digital image storage device capable of accessing the digitally-captured image data;

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